



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Cover Sheet

Date: 10/28/2022 **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation Follow Up **Arrival:** 8:40 AM **Departure:** 11:00 AM

CCLC-30865

Kuddles & Huggs Learning Academy

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Quality Rated: ★

Compliance Zone Designation		
10/28/2022	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing
07/26/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
03/30/2022	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Bld 2	Bld 2-rm E	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	17	C	NA	NA	Centers
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			17		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101					
Bld 3	Rm F (middle bld)	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	25	C	NA	NA	Nap,Free Play
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			25		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101					
Main	Bld 1-Rm A-4's	PreK	2	15	C	22	C	31	C	Centers
Main	Bld 1-Rm B-3-4's	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	12	C	17	C	Circle Time
Main	Bld 1-Rm C-infant	Infants	1	2	C	5	C	NA	NA	Feeding
Main	Bld 1-Rm D-1-2's	One Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Music
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			59		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101					
Total # Children this Date: 53			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 101		Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 101					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground 1	34	C

Comments

An in-person visit was conducted on this date.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed 01/01/0001

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us for more information. Free technical assistance is available!

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.'

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

LaToya Smith, Program Official

Date

Beth Houtz, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Complaint Investigation Follow Up:

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR) **Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 10/28/2022

.25(7) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The storage closet was observed to be locked.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition **Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 10/28/2022

.15(3) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. All bottles were observed to have a label with the infant's name.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health **Met**

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 10/28/2022

.07(5) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. No children were observed to be wearing necklaces.

Staff Records

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR

Met

Correction Deadline: 8/25/2022

Corrected on 10/28/2022

.14(1) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. At least fifty percent of the staff were observed to have first aid and CPR.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training

Defer

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591-1-1-.33(5)- This citation is deferred until the next regulatory visit when annual training for the calendar year 2022 will be reviewed. Annual training for 2021 was reviewed on July 26, 2022.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 3/31/2023

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/26/2022

Corrected on 10/28/2022

.31(2)(a) - This citation was observed to be corrected on this date. The center has enrolled teachers in a credential program or teachers have received a credential.